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Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—“ May I know when the report will be ready ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I cannot as yet say when it will be ready.”

Grants to the Sanskrit and Arabic schools and colleges in this Presidency.

* 1525 Q.—MAHMUD SOHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the name of and the amount of grant given by the Government to each of the Sanskrit and Arabic schools and colleges in this Presidency; and

(b) the subject or books taught in these schools and colleges and also the authority or agency supervising them?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the subsidiary tables attached to Volume II of the Annual Report on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency.

(b) (i) *Subject or books taught in Arabic and Sanskrit institutions.*—

The Madrasa-i-Islamiyah, Kurnool, is the only Arabic College in the Presidency which is recognized by the Madras University. It prepares students for the Oriental Title examinations, and the courses of study and the books prescribed for these examinations are specified in the Madras University Calendar. There are no recognized Arabic schools and consequently no courses of study have been prescribed for them.

Sanskrit schools, recognized and aided, are classified into three grades—collegiate, advanced and elementary. The courses of study in the collegiate institutions provide for the needs of the Oriental Title examinations of the University. The subjects of study in advanced and elementary schools are regulated by a curriculum issued by the Director of Public Instruction.

(ii) *Authority or agency supervising Arabic and Sanskrit institutions.*—The Arabic College at Kurnool is not inspected by any officer of the Educational Department. The Deputy Inspector of Muhammadan Schools, Kurnool, has paid visits to it.

Sanskrit schools and colleges are controlled and inspected by the Superintendent of Sanskrit Schools with the assistance of two supervisors.

Mr. MAHMUD SOHAMNAD SAHIB :—“ With reference to the answer to clause (b), may I know why steps have not been taken to inspect the Arabic College at Kurnool ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I am not an Arabic Scholar.”

Conduct of the speed examination in Type-writing at Kumbakonam in 1927.

* 1526 Q.—Mr. S. MUTTAYYA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in the speed examination in Type-writing candidates are generally allowed to insert the blank paper in the machines and type the names of the machines and the candidates before the appointed time;

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(b) whether it is a fact that in the examination held in Kumbakonam on the 3rd December 1927 the Superintendent did not allow the candidates to do so; and

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to hold a re-examination or what steps the Government propose to take to redress the hardship caused to the candidates?

A.—(a) Candidates are allowed to insert the blank paper in their machines but not to type their names or the names of their machines.

(b) & (c) The Superintendent acted in accordance with the instructions issued for the conduct of the examination.

Farewell speech of Mr. Arthur Davies, late Principal of the Law College.

* 1527 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the speech of Mr. Arthur Davies, the late Principal of the Law College, at the farewell function given in his honour on the 10th of this month;

(b) whether, in view of the observations made by Mr. Arthur Davies, the question of cutting down the number of subjects in the present law curriculum will be considered; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to reduce the size of the classes in the Law College?

A.—(a) The Government have since perused the speech in question.

(b) The courses of instruction for the B.L. classes are arranged in accordance with the Regulations of the Madras University. The question whether any change should be made in the present curriculum of studies is one for the consideration of the University.

(c) Rule 15 of the rules regulating the constitution and working of the Law College provides that there shall be no fixed limit to the number of students to be admitted into any class and that admission shall be made by the selection committee with due regard to the accommodation and staff available for efficient instruction. There is at present no proposal to change the rule.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"With reference to the answer to clause (b), may I know whether the Government will draw the attention of the University to this matter?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes, Sir."

Prevention of boys from smoking in school premises.

* 1528 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Director of Public Instruction had issued a few years ago a circular directing managers of schools to prevent boys from smoking in the school premises and, if so, whether a copy of it can be placed on the table of the House;